at the most befitting moment, and cause them all, without loss of force, to bear directly or indirectly on the object in view. Every reflecting mind will acknowledge, that, in like manner, the wisdom of God is peculiarly seen in those skilful arrangements by which no part of the universe is useless, and every part conspires to the accomplishment of the end intended. What wise combinations are needed in order that the wants of every living creature may be supplied in the proper time and way! Every one knows what skill is required in order to provide food for an army marching through a hostile country. But we are comparing small things to things infinitely great, in illustrating by this feeble means, suited to our feeble capacity, the task which can be undertaken only by the Almighty, of providing for the wants of the myriads of his creatures. Omniscience is necessary to the planning of such a system, omnipotence and omnipresence to its execution. The end must be seen from the beginning, and the result of every law and combination of laws foreknown and anticipated; and there must be a living agent pervading and giving life to his works in every part of his dominions. When we believe that there is such a being, we feel as if all were safe and secure; for we know that there never can be derangement in works planned by infinite wisdom and protected by an everywhere present and ever watchful guardian. Such a faith will impart a holy courage even to the most timid; we feel as if we might be unalarmed amid the conflagration of worlds, and while the visible universe is passing away.

SECT. VII.—UNITY OF THE MUNDANE SYSTEM; LIMITS TO NATURAL LAW.

We may distinguish between the Universe (TO *Trav*) and the part of the universe with which we arc connected, and which we may call the Cosmos, including all that system of which the

earth and visible heavens are a portion.

Astronomers are apt to boast that they give us a very enlarged view of the universe, when they tell us of the myriads of stars and systems of stars, which fall within the range of the telescope. But it has always appeared to us, that this whole system of sunf may not bear so great a relation to the whole universe, as a single apple-tree, or a single apple, to a whole